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## DOUBLING TAXES IN WASHINGTON

**Bankrupting and Confiscatory Realty Assessment** Guesswork.

## **NEW AND DRASTIC TAX ON INTANGIBLE PERSONALTY**

Blistering City Unnecessarily With Every Form of Tax Exaction Anywhere Endured.

### BY THEODORE W. NOYES.

Next Monday will be District day in shed to a vote. This bill es (1) to increase the local tax more than 100 ner cent if the George raising the assessment basis to full valuation and retaining the tax rate at the present figures; and (2) to imadditional heavy burden of local tax by collecting an excessive tax rate on the full valuation of intangible personalty.

first proposition has at its foundation the H. J. Browne guess of 1912 that there were \$744,000,000 of taxable realty values in Washington in that year, estimated on the full valuation basis as "full valuation" is undertood throughout the United States in

in the newspapers, or official reports, or record books of business men of Wash-ington on that subject. Generalizing ington on that subject. Generalizing from the statements, sworn and unsworn, of individuals in respect to particular cases in selected spots in the different sections of the city, Mr. Browne developed an infallible formula for ascertaining true values in all parts of Washington. For the large suburban areas he multiplied the actual assessment in every case by five; for the business and fine residence areas of the northwest he multiplied the actual assessment in every case by three and one-third; for middle-class house sites he multiplied in every case by two. For small home sites he multiplied in every case by two. For small home sites he multiplied in every case by two.

could be simpler? What more foolish?
This valuation of Washington realty was in its totals so grossly at variance with the valuations of other far larger and richer American cities, and was so obviously unsound in generalizing concerning whole sections from conditions thought to exist in particular spots, that it was promptly and vigorously challenged for Washington in 1912 by the practically unanimous action of the Board these case

practically unanimous action of the Board of Trade, and by facts and figures fur-nished by the assessor's office. The Johnson-Prouty report on the muti-lated George bill gave full faith to this 1914 Washington's 1912 challenge

## accuracy of this allegation, and urged that thorough investigation of it would be one of the useful functions of an impartial tax commission for Washington. Browne-George-Prouty Assessment.

Relatively to the other cities with which tax comparisons are made the Washington assessment is already excessively high. To increase this assessment by 50 per cent as proposed by the George bill would decrease the selling value proportionately. To double this assessment, as by adding \$414,000,000 to bring the valuation to the figures (\$744,000,000) of the George report of 1912, would mean guick and complete bankruptey. Washington's taxed realty, as we have seen, is only a fraction of its area, and a constantly decreasing fraction, owing to successive condemnations of taxed real property by the government. This taxed fraction does not include the city's ment by 50 per cent as proposed by the workshops, its largest industrial plants, represented in other cities by mills and factories standing for millions

ndustrial Baltimore, with 226,784 greatpopulation; nearly twice as much as whole of the magnificent city of inclinatt, with its great industria ablishments and its population arger than that of the District.

enlage of non-daxpaying transients, ived of the taxable resources and the usual means of self-support of the ordinary industrial city, are to pay in taxes more than the 800,000 of Baltithe average American rate of taxa-m is to be applied, the 50,000 Wash-

Since the average American rate of taxation is to be applied, the 50,000 Washington is to be applied, the 50,000 Washington taxpayers, nearly all small properly owners, crippled and cramped in money-making in every conceivable fashion, are to pay in taxes to sustain on a national scale the nation's city for more than the aggregated taxayers of New Orleans. Louisville and St. Paulpey in municipal taxes.

Does not the proposition on the slightest examination reduce itself to an abseruity.

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# WASHINGTON MEN

The Browne-George-Prouty Elected to Office by Association for Study of Tuberculosis.

> DR. G. M. KOBER IS CHOSEN **HEAD OF ORGANIZATION**

> 'Turtle Serum' Classed as Valueless by Dr. Mannheimer-Sanitarium Treatment Discussed.

> Three Washington men were honored at the annual election of officers of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis today.

> Dr. George M. Kober was chosen as president of the association, and William H. Baldwin was elected treasurer and member of the executive committee. Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the United States public health service was member of the board of direc-

Dr. Lee K. Frankel of New York and Dr. W. Jarvis Barlow of Los Angeles. The new secretary of the association is

Members of the executive committee. Hermann M. Biggs. New York; Homer Wallingford, Conn., Dr. Charles J. Hat-field, Philadelphia, and Dr. William Mrs. George S. Latimer, who has been Charles White of Pittsburgh.

Charles White of Pittsburgh.

The George taxation report of 1912 alleges that "real property in the District of Columbia is assessed \$414,000,000 below its rue value; the true value being \$744,000,000, while the assessment is only This statement is based solely upon the testimony and argument before the subcommittee of Witness H. J. Browne. Mr. Browne's evidence is not direct expert appraisement of the value of Washington realty, but is the deduction of an exrealty, but is the deduction of an exture present to urge the cialms of these for holding the journalist from what persons questioned by him have said concerning local values and from what he has read and studied were present to urge the cialms of these for holding the association's 1915 meeting. After listening to the statements of the rival delegations the question of choosing between the campaign for equal protest against the campaign for e them was referred to the executive committee, which was given power to act.

Dr. George Mannheimer of New York ad-dressing the meeting of the clinical secthe so-called treatment and gave a final report on a number of cases that were treated in March, 1913.

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treated in March. 1913.
In only a single case out of eighteendeclared Dr. Mannheimer, had the d.sease appeared to be arrested, and even
this patient, he said, has not gained in
weight in more than a year, while a new
tubercular process has developed in another part of the patient's body.

## Results of Treatments.

"In March, 1913," said Dr. Mannheimet, supervision. Of these, fifteen can be followed up, and of that number three The number of injections in these cases were one, two and four, respectively. Of the remaining tweive patients ten received one and two received four injections. Five of the ten patients who received one injection developed abscesses at the site of the injection and were, therefore, unsuitable for further injections, according to the inventor. The other five patients were not reinjected, either because they did not see the improvement they had been led to expect or because they had become worse and had lost confidence in Friedmann. As to their present condition, five of them are now unchanged and five are worse than a year ago.

"One patient, who had four injections, feels well and presents signs of an arrested lung process, but he has not gained in weight and has developed a new tuberculous process in another part of the body. The second retemport of the body. The second regions in two cases they had because they had bec

"Where abscesses resulted at the site of the first injection, the vaccine apparently produced no additional harmful effect. The disease remained uninfluenced. Friedmann neglected to prevent abscess formation, although he claimed to know how. To be very charitable, one might judge from one single case that decided natural healing tendencies, added by common-sense treatment will not be indeed. natural healing tendencies, aided by com-mon-sense treatment, will not be hindered Mr. Mondell to Back Amendment. remedy.

When, in a quiescent case, the first subjective and objective symptoms of a new outbreak appear and one naturally wishes to check it, the remedy is absolutely worthless for that purpose. It cantured the subjective and objective symptoms of a new outbreak appear and one naturally wishes to check it, the remedy is absolutely worthless for that purpose. It cantured to the House from the judiciary reported to the House from the judiciary it the tendency to spread, if a disposed. The method of its and on account of the absence of cura- program fails to give it due place. tive and preventive powers in this series, it cannot be recommended."

ouisville combined. of health, declared that energetic steps washingtonians one-third must be taken to provide employment in the open air, to compel proper ventilation of the home and to stop advising and begin issuing positive commands in the cases of persons who have been dis-charged as improved from such sana-

lapsed when they returned to the city tracted crowds of passersby Miss Davidsuch criticism is wide of the mark, for it son's remarks were in large black type verlooks the real fault, namely, suitable

ested cases from sanatoria. How this hall be accomplished is a difficult prob-(Continued on Second Page.)

of the committee in charge of decorating

## SUFFRAGISTS POUR RECEIVE HONORS INTO THE CAPITAL FOR HUGE PARADE

More Than 5,000 Advocates of "Votes for Women" Already Have Arrived.

"WAR OF ROSES" PROMISES TO BE A BIG FEATURE

Anti-Suffragists Have Engaged Boys to Sell Emblem of Opposition on the Streets.

by the advance guard of the suffrage tomorrow. There are now in Washington nearly 5,000 suffrage workers from all sections of the United States, and more are to come

The Maryland delegation will number nore than 400 women, led by Mrs. Donald R. Hooker as grand marshal. This dele Government League. They are coming tomorrow morning it special cars, and will be accompanied by a uniformed Folks, New York: Dr. Theodore B. women's drum and fife corps and march-Sachs, Chicago; Dr. David R. Lyman, ing squadron of the most beautiful young women's drum and fife corps and march women in the Mounmental city, led by nicknamed "the Little General"

votes, promises to be one of the prettiest features of the celebration. All uncon-Turtle Serum Condemned.

Declaring the Friedmann turtle sterum vaccine, claimed by its discoverate to cure or prevent tuberculosis. In the garlands that will be curried by the suffrage marchers, making a flower-decked way from the White House to the suffrage marchers, making a flower-decked way from the White House to the ceither preventive nor curative powers. neither preventive nor curative powers. Capitol, are about 25,000 red roses and

gation to march in this section.

The anti-suffrase campaigners have arranged with Washington florists to make window displays of red roses and they have hired boys to sell these flowers on corners where men generally congregate. Besides this they have opend a red rose store at 1269 Pennsylvania avenue and another at 1402 H street to be headquar ters and supply stations for the street

## Plan to Wear Carnations.

As May 10 is Mothers' day, the 500 who "eighteen patients were treated und'r m supervision. Of these, fifteen can be of the parade are to wear carnations. of the parade are to wear carnations emblem of Mothers' day.

Although no estimate has been made Guard, gained in weight and has developed a new tuberculous process in another part of the body. The second patient with four injections has tuberculosis of the knee joint and is now decidedly worse than before. The infiltrate of the fourth injection broke down and discharged pus.

Disease Not Influenced.

that it would surpass previous demonstrations here. Every state in the Union will be represented, and many of those who took part in the suffrage demonstrations throughout the country Saturday are in Washington prepared to carry their fight for the cause to Congress. The marchers have come bearing petitions and resolutions addressed to their congress-griph the passage of a constituurging the passage of a constitu

Representative Mondell, author of the case is so disposed. The method of its administration has been anything but careful and intelligent. For these reasons and on account of the

The taxed fraction of Washington is valued at nearly \$15,000,000 more than Baltimore and Minneapolis combined; at nearly as much as Baltimore and Cinclenanti combined; at \$18,000,000 more than Buffalo and Newark combined; at \$18,000,000 more than Buffalo and Newark combined; at \$10,000,000 more than three times as much as the whole of New Orleans; over \$170,000,000 more than New Orleans St. Paul and Louisville combined.

Paul and Louisville combined. "This reception committee," said Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs, "is an illustration of 600 police."

The demonstration is responsible for

the temporary burying of the hatchet be tween the local suffrage organization. Despite the fact that the pageant-par Despite the fact that the pageant-parad-has been organized by the Congressions Union, which is responsible for the Bris tow-Mondell resolution, the congressiona committee of the National Association which has been fostering the Shafroth Palmer resolution referring the question of votes for women to the state legisla tures has volunteered to do all it can in making the celebration here a memorable

overlooks the real fault, namely, suitable after care. All our splendidly organized system for the care of the tuberculous up to and including sanatorium and hospital care, is practically complete, but from that point on the work has hardly been considered.

"From now on we should bend every effort to provide suitable, remunerative fresh-air employment for the tuberculous, especially for those discharged as arrested cases from sanatoria. How this and her short sentences, such as, "8,000,

## Mrs. John J. White, who is chairman

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VERSATILE VILLA.

## AMBASSADOR CRITICISED

VILLA IS AN UNEDUCATED

Austrian Journal Resents Request for Speedy Trial of American.

VIENNA, May 8.-The Reichsnost to day publishes a bitter attack on Frederic Courtland Penfield, United States ambassailor, for presenting a note to the foreign office protesting against the con tinued delay in the trial of Samuel Altman, general agent in Austria of the Canadian Pacific railway. Mr. Altman is charged with being connected with a is charged with being connected with a plan to take out of the country Austrians liable to military service. Mr. Penfield is accused by the Reichspost of trying to influence the course of justice. The Reichspost took a leading part in the campaign against the Canadian Pa-cific rallway.

## HONORS PAID GEN. SICKLES.

Patrick's Cathedral. New York.

er Gen Daniel E Sickles were held Full military honors were accorded. The coffin bearing his body was placed upon a gun calsson by the palibearers, comrades from Phil Kearny Post, G. A. R., and the funeral procession then moved up the funeral procession then moved up the funeral procession the general's home to mitting to officials here.

Secretary of the Navy give to the American people if by his orders American death later, owing to the chaotic conditions which must result from war now waging between the federals and the constitutionalists?

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Washington for interment in Arlington

## 'REB" CLIFF REGAN CAPTURED. Noted Bandit Taken by Sheriff's Posse. Near Goldfield.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., May 8.-Taken uning pan before a camp fire in a ravine near Goldfield. "Reb" Cliff Regan, the

newspapers combined somewhat above The Star's usual Thursday record, but not much

The reason for this is to be found in the results that the local merchants get from advertising in The

## Yesterday's Figures Local Display

The Evening Star .. 2nd newspaper .... 7,440 3rd newspaper . . . . 4,759 4th newspaper ..... 3.433 Total.....

Excess in Star over

other 3 combined.

# TAMPICO OIL MEN

Body Escorted by the Military to St. their properties are placed, particularly NEW YORK, May 8.-Funeral services with Secretary Bryan this afternoon.

gun categor by the pallhearers comrades have established headquarters in the New the funeral procession then moved up typewritten testimony which they are sub-5th avenue from the general's home to mitting to officials here.

St. Patrick's Cathedral escorted by the 12th Regiment. New York National 12th Bryan, Charge O'Shaughnessy called at the State Department, and, getting tired of waiting, went away, saying he would return later in the day.

A solemn requiem mass was celebrated at the cathedral, Mgr. M. J. Lavelle officiating.
Late today the body will be taken to Washington for interpret in Arrington 12th Park get out of Mexico, and ought to be thankful for the asistance the administration gave them in getting back to the United States, rather than to be criticis-ing what had been done in an emergency

## Daniels Answers Complaints.

Essentials of the American policy in Mexico, up to the present time, were resecretary Daniels. replying to companions of design of the department's required from a posse of officers and citizens of Oasis, layo county, Cal. Saturday, when two or his companions were apprehended in a running fisht, was captured by a sheriff posse yesterday.

Regain's gun was lying close to him ready for instant use, but before he could in the harder of a posse. He submitted pearcfully when he saw the odds were against him.

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9cc All Posts Averts Strike.

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naval commander that he be allowed to remove citizens of the United States for remove citizens of the United States for the sake of the safety of all foreigners. It was feared that after the Vera Cruz seizure the sight of American warships might inflame mobs to outbreaks in which no foreigner's life would be re-

### Would Have Inflamed Mexicans. The American vessels were withdrawn

from Tampico in the first place, the Sec retary said, because it was thought their presence at Vera Cruz would be essential Later, he explained, it would have been possible for Admiral Mayo to have gone into the river with his ships to rescue refugees,
"Even had it been possible, however,"

brought these refugees in the city of Tampico itself safely on board, word of aggressive action by the Americans would have spread to the surrounding country far swifter than any relief ex-pedition could have traveled to their rescue, and it is almost certain that reprisal on American citizens would have followed, and lives would have been lost. So clear was this that the captain of the British man-of-war earn-

estly advised Admiral Mayo not to send any ships back to Tampico basing his recommendation on his judgment that it would be precarious, that it would only result in the loss of life.

"So earnest was the British captain, and so confident of this that he offered to undertake the work of collecting all of the refugees and taking them out to our ships it we would only refrain from further arousing resentment, which was nearly at white heat at that time, by sending our ships up the river. This was reported by Admiral Mayo.

response to us for protection were getting out in safety is the best answer to any question as to the Judgment shown in this procedure. So much for the remaining out the the against the consideration of the Mexican situation further arousing resentment, which was nearly at white heat at that time, by sending our ships up the river. This was reported by Admiral Mayo.

Saving of Lives, Best Answer.

"As has been said before, the fact that our citizens and the foreigners looking to us for protection were getting out in safety is the best answer to any question as to the judgment shown in this procedure. So much for the remaining outside of our ships and of the reason why the Americans were carried on the British ship from Tampico to our own squadron.

"In the present situation it does not seem safe to assume the responsibility since the withdrawal of the battleships of the work of collecting all of the refugees and taking them out to our darking them out to our ships and the foreleast at that time, by several of the secretaries during the consideration of the Mexican situation if the would not operate against the United States was fully within its rights in any movement to responsibility within its rights in any movement to any extent deemed necessary, despite the armistice attendant upon the moditation negotiations. It was pointed out that the armistice would not operate against the concentration of trops on the tribute the United States was fully within its rights in any movement to responsible to any extent deemed necessary, despite the armistice attendant upon the moditation self-action and the foreigners looking to us for protection were getting out in safety is the best answer to any question as to the judgment shown in this procedure. So much for the remaining out that the united States was fully within its rights in any movement to resine to the United States.

Secretary Garrison said that the information coming to the War Department of the Mexican situation it deep not into the consideration of the consid

from Tampico, were in long conference with Secretary Bryan this afternoon.
Leaders in the delegation are W. E. Secretary of the Navy give to the Amer-

eigner and American in the Tampico dis-trict now is safe, as well as foreign prop-erty interests, Secretary Daniels states that it seems almost unnecessary to de-fend a course "which has achieved such

that it seems almost unnecessary to defend a course "which has achieved such results."

Tampico Closely Beleaguered.

"Tampico is now a closely beleaguered city, exposed to constant attacks from the outside from a continually augmenting enemy. The constitutionalist forces, according to all reports, are gradually increasing in numbers in the territory around about. Whether our efforts at mediation fail or are successful, whether a satisfactory peaceful adjustment of our difficulties is achieved or not, it would seem to be obvious that Tampico and its surroundings will not be safe for foreign-importance. Communication with Mex.

It was authoritatively learned from a source close to the mediators that they able to persuade Gen the ediators that the United States has not been violating, in spirit at least, the armistice which had been agreed upon. Otherwise a stumbling, in spirit at least, the armistice which had been agreed upon. Otherwise a stumbling in the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the elevent of an anarchistic outbreak in the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in the united States of the armistice, it was ascertained, reached the might render virtually useless their further as a sumbling below the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or shou

The union some time ago made demands for a shorter work day and an increase in wages. Yesterday the executive com-mittee of the union decided that this was an inopportune time for a successful strike in the coffin making trade.

## THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at noon. Began debate on pension appro priation bill carrying \$169,150,000. Representative Langley of Kentucky, republican, in speech urheld the pension system. Labor committee agreed to begin consideration of bill to regulate hours of labor in continuous working plants.

Judiciary subcommittee resumed

## Judiciary Suscensification results results results results against Associate Justice Wright of District of Columbia Supreme Met at noon.

Voted to send committee to Vera Truz victims' funeral.

# GEN. HUERTA VOICES RUSH U. S. TROOPS

Regards Occupation of Vera Cruz by Army a Violation of Armistice.

## MEDIATORS SEEKING TO ALTER DICTATOR'S VIEW

Failure May Render Virtually Use less Their Further Efforts to Solve Difficulties.

Huerta has served notice on the United tates government through the three South American envoys who are trying o arrange a program for peace medi that he considers the occupation of Vera Cruz by a United States army a violation

Asked as to the details of the mediating envoys' note. Secretary Bryan said: "It simply sets forth what Huerta says. A reply to the note will be made.

This protest was made known to the President last night during the wedding reception at the White House. It was brought to the attention of the cabinet today coincidently with a plan of the War Department at once to strengthen Gen. Funston's army of occupation sufficient to meet any emergency.

Ambassador da Gama of Brazil and Ministers Naon of Argentina and Suarez of Chile were astir early. None of the mediators would discuss Huerta's protest, forwarded through Acting Minister of Foreign Relations Esteva Rulz, and later confirmed here by Secretary Bryan,

No Reply to Huerta Formulated. When Secretary Bryan left the cabinet meeting he said that no reply had yet been formulated to the Huerta communication, forwarded by the mediators, relating to the armistice. In the Huerta message, he stated, question was raised as to the sending of the army to take the place of naval forces at Vera Cruz. Asked if the unusual activity of the War Department since the receipt of Gen. Funston's cipher dispatch last night signified any change of policy on the part of the United States toward Mexico, Mr. Bryan said that he could not discuss the affairs of the War Department.

## In War Department's Hands.

Other member on leaving the meetng said that it was understood that the entire question of dealing with the situation at Vera Cruz had been left in the hands of the War Department. This followed the position taken by

## Huerta Thanks Mediators.

The Mexican foreign office made public a note of thanks to the mediators as

"The Mexican government, in view of the mediators' attitude in the cases of the on Mexico City is ordered it will be Carranzista refusal to suspend hostilities necessary to guard every mile of the and the new landing of American troops and war material in Vera Cruz, is much and that a large force would show the obliged for the prudence, impartiality and good willingness of the mediators." It was authoritatively learned from a ce close to the mediators that they

mostion, or mentioning disturbances of mportance. Communication with Mexco is slow and uncertain, some distances being three days en route.

"Such a general suspension of hostili-"Such a general suspension of the sovereignty of the state, either directly or by authority specially delegated. Such authority is never implied, and the enemy is bound to see that the agent is specially authorized to bind his principle."

When an armistice is formally agreed to the authorities hold that "during its pendency neither party may engage in (Continued on Second Page.)

"Coal Trust" Probe Orders.

The Senate today passed Senator Tillman's resolution authorizing the naval affairs committee to make an investigation of the alleged discrimination of railroads and the "coal trust" probe Orders.

# A PROTEST TO U.S. TO FUNSTON'S AID. **WAR OFFICE PLAN**

ONE CENT.

Proposes to Have a Force at Vera Cruz Equal to Any

NIGHT COUNCIL OF WAR

Hurriedly Summoned, Following Receipt of Cipher Dispatches From the Front.

TALK OF MARCH TO CAPITAL

Official Inquiry Made as to What State Troops Are Ready for Immediate Service in Mexico.

Immediate reinforcement of the nited States army of occupation in Vera Cruz to sufficient strength for any expedition into the interior of Mexico that may become necessary was determined upon by the War Department today.

This plan of action, with the immediate object of protecting

Secretary Garrison and the general staff went over the entire military situation at Vera Cruz and other points in Mexico before

Cipher Dispatch From Funston.

Secretary Garrison called the confer-Cruz had been delivered to him at the White House, where he was attending the wedding of the President's daughter. He left the festivities hurrledly and sum moned his aids to the War Department.

Among dispatches received was onwhich reported the firing of two oil wells

which reported the many at Tampico.

Though not officially stated, it is known that the high officials of the War Department are anxious to place at Vera Cruz or on transports within striking distance a large enough force, perhaps 50,000 or 60,000 men, to make a greatition to Mexico City if it because of the control of an expedition to Mexico City if it

known to believe that if an advance railroad as the army moves forward and that a large force would show the natives the futility of resistance, whereas a division of 15,000 men might be subject to several attacks along the route with possibly big losses. Army officers feared the situation at Vera Cruz might become desperate in the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City or should the federal forces hovering beyond Funston's outposts launch an attack, irrespective of Huerta's declaration of a truce with the United States.

proper, it is believed, but to protect po-sitions outside the town up to the site of the waterworks more infantry is be-lieved to be required.

It was understood that the refugees from Mexico City had informed Gen-Funston of the critical aspect of af-fairs in the Huerta regime: that a col-lease might be expected momentarily

Low Death Rate Averts Strike.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The low death rate in the city since the end of the winfer and the correspondingly low demand for coffins, it is announced, prevented a strike of the 600 members of the Coffinnakers' Union, scheduled for this week. The union some time ago made demands for a shorter work day and an increase in wages. Yesterday the executive coming wages. Yesterday the executive coming assumption that hostilities would be suspended except to resist aggression. Article VII of The Hague convention, and Mexico are signatories, provides specifically on the follows:

"Article VII. The acceptance of mediation cannot, unless there be an agreement to the contrary, have the effect of interrupting, delaying or hindering mobilization of the National Guard for some time.

If mediation occurs after the conditional directed toward ascertaining how soon the militial organizations of those states could be mobilized and sent to the forts to make all preparations for the preparation of the National Guard for some time.

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ilization or other measures, or preparation for war.

"If mediation occurs after the commencement of hostilities, it causes no interruption to the military operation in progress, unless there be an agreement to the contrary."

To what extent the present suspension at Vera Cruz operates under these rules appears, therefore, to depend largely on the construction of the informal understanding that it was assumed hostilities would be suspended, except to repel attack.

Opinion of Leading Authority.

Leading authorities on international law hold that an armistice, truce or suspension of hostilities, should be definite and exact, and not implied. One of the leading authorities, Halleck, says:

"Such a general suspension of hostilisms are made by the sovereignty" Probe Orders.

# Emergency.

## AGREES ON THE PROGRAM

the lives and property of Americans, was laid before the President and his cabinet this morn ing. The decision was reached following a midnight conference of war and navy officials, when an appeal was received from Brig. Gen. Funston, based on reports brought to him by refugees from Mexico City.

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Officials of the War Department are